

Meeting to discuss plans for youth club

FOLLOWING the failure to re-open the former Club for Young People in Church Street, a public meeting to be chaired by MP Oliver Letwin has been arranged by the Lyme Regis Youth Consortium.

It will take place on Friday, February 12th at 5.30pm at St Michael's Primary School hall

Work behind the scenes has led to continued co-operation between youth organizations, the Woodroffe School and Dorset Youth Service, and is now set to examine further what other possible sites and options for a youth facility might exist before money ear-marked for youth provision is lost.

A parent petition recently presented to Lyme Regis Town Council and to Dorset County Council has voiced further public concern over the demise of the former club, due to the building becoming unfit for use.

"Everyone is welcome to come along to listen to some proposals and put their points of view, especially to bring suggestions," said Councillor Sally Holman, chairman of LymeForward.

"The consortium is made up of those who attended a meeting last May at Dorchester which was called by Oliver Letwin, in response to his concern over inadequate provision for youth in the town. It brought together

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A winter wonderland



■ **MAGICAL:** This was the scene at Gunn Cliff in Lyme Regis on Wednesday of last week when the town awoke to a heavy covering of snow which made transport in and out of the town very hazardous for a few hours
Photo by PETER WILES

Where was the sand and salt?

TOWN councillors will tonight (Wednesday) be asking the question why there was not more sand and salt in Lyme Regis to grit the sideroads after last week's heavy snowfall.

An item has been put on the agenda of the council's Policy Committee to consider arrangements in bad weather for gritting the roads and pavements in the town. Dorset County Council has been asked for a copy their gritting schedule for Lyme Regis.

Whilst the main road was gritted by the county, none of the sideroads were treated and a number of accidents were reported of pedestrians slipping over and injuring themselves.

Town clerk Mike Lewis said town council staff had done their best with limited supplies of salt and sand and they were currently awaiting delivery of further orders from Travis Perkins.

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Sadly but peacefully on the 9th January 2010 at Axminster Hospital, aged 78 years.
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Cremation service to take place at Taunton Crematorium on Monday, 18th January 2010 at 11.00am.
Family flowers only but donations if desired to be shared jointly between Leukaemia Research and the National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease, c/o J.F. Clarke & Son, Maryknoll, Lyme Street, Axminster.

AUTHOR and life-coach, Wendy Knee, has lived in Charmouth for three and a half years after frequent holidays to the village.

Originally from Manchester, Wendy left home at 17-years-old and moved around the country as she lived an eventful life before settling in the west country in the mid 1980s.

Wendy has always had a latent desire to write and pursued her passion through local newspapers and company magazines.

Wendy qualified as a life coach six-years-ago and was inspired to publish her first book "Never Die Wondering".

Following its success Wendy set up the Charmouth Literary Festival last year with friend and fellow author Sallyann Sheridan.

WHO inspired you to start writing?

As a child I loved the classics, Thomas Hardy in particular. Other people's lives and the hardships they overcame. More recently I have enjoyed Rose Tremain and Kate Atkinson. Indian writers I love because they write with such a command of the English language for example A Fine Balance by Rohinton Mistry. I have been to India and this book has everything in it.

WHAT three books would you take to a desert island?

Music and Silence by Rose Tremain to relive the middle years around 1500; Shakespeare – because I love his plays and I think I would have all the time in the world to better understand the detail and his observation of people and a dictionary, including Thesaurus, so that I could truly explore words and their meanings.

WHO are your writing influences?

All the above authors and many more. Locally, Sallyann Sheridan, as she has been really supportive and positive. When we did the Literary Festival last year in Charmouth, meeting other authors inspired me. So many want to write and can write but don't always believe enough in themselves. They are my writing influences. If I can do it, anyone can do it.

WHAT is your favourite winter read?

Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson. It is true story about an American who went to climb K2 in the mid 1990s and failed. He was taken in by local villagers as he was suffering poor health and he promised to go back and build a school for them high up in Himalayas. He did it against all the odds, no money, no backers, no road, no bridge. He overcame all obstacles.

WHAT book are you currently reading?

The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson. It is a brilliant crime book and is the first of a trilogy. I'll definitely read the rest. It follows a family history that it is full of secrets and lies – and of course, a murder.

**WHAT is the role of a life coach?**

The role of a life coach is to help people get the most out of their lives, that's how I simplify it when people ask me that question.

WHAT advice would you give to people who may be struggling in the recession?

I think the first thing I'd say is stop focusing on the money because we are all obsessed with the financial situation. It really does control peoples lives and I think they're missing the point. I don't want to belittle it in any way but you have to look at the whole picture, you are a

whole person and we never used to be obsessed with the money before and so to be obsessed about the money now I think is weighing people down. It's a bit like the weather at the moment, everybody is listening to the weather and nobody is going to work.

ARE there many crossovers between your writing and life coaching?

Absolutely, because the small books that I'm doing now are really because of the life coaching. I felt that it was a way in for me to produce a book, just writing about my own experiences. I am quite courageous, I have done a lot of things and I am prepared to have a go and not put my life on hold. It's not easy and I do have my moments when I've been a bit scared but I thought I'd write about it and I'd use my experiences to encourage people to not be afraid to get on and do things.

WHAT are your upcoming workshops about?

This particular series are life coaching workshops based on my book "Never die wondering" because as a result of the book people keep asking me if I'm running a workshop. The first one starts on Saturday, February 13th and I'm running two sessions in February and March and then the same in May and June.

WHO would be your three dream guests at a dinner party?

A friend and I once gave a dinner party in the 1970s, the criteria being that we would only invite people who would entertain, had intellect or were good looking. We spent a whole day cooking and had a great dinner party. I love music and Ella Fitzgerald is a favourite. I would love to know more about her early days and the wonderful jazz people she sang with. Clive James for wit and humour and of course, his brilliant writing and my glamorous friend Lynn Brunton who is naughty and has a great wit that knows no bounds.

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New owners for the View

THE View from Lyme Regis has new owners.

The town's most popular free community newspaper, and its sister titles in Bridport, Beaminster, Dorchester and Weymouth, have been acquired by Jerry and Rosemary Ramsdale, who also own the Mariners Hotel in Lyme Regis.

The couple, who have six children, have a holiday home in Lyme Regis and bought the Mariners in November 2007.

They have refurbished the 17th century hotel and restaurant, making it one of the most popular venues in the area.

Mr Ramsdale runs a successful magazine publishing and exhibitions company in St Albans and has other business interests, including part ownership of a fleet vehicle magazine.

This is his first venture into news-

paper publishing.

The View titles will continue to be run from offices in St Michael's Business Centre in Lyme Regis.

Mr Ramsdale said: "I am looking forward to working with founders Philip and Jackie Evans and their staff in developing the View group of newspapers."

"They are excellent community publications, very popular with the readers and well respected by advertisers."

"Although these are difficult times for local newspapers I believe there is an excellent future for community publications like the View."

Mr and Mrs Ramsdale have also acquired the View from Chard, View from Ilminster and View from Sid Vale titles, as well as the View Online website.



■ NEW OWNERS: Jerry and Rosemary Ramsdale pictured at the Mariners Hotel in Lyme Regis which they also own

Lyme shop manager is RNLI supporter of year

THE VOLUNTEER manager of the tiny RNLI shop next to the lifeboat station in Lyme Regis has won the charity's national award of Supporter of the Year.

Mrs Alix Fairley, who managed the shop for two years along with its team of around 40 volunteer assistants, was nominated for the prestigious award by the RNLI's retail adviser for the south west Julie Bawden.

Last year – for the second year running – the

by Richard Horobin

shop at the Cobb harbour in Lyme Regis had the highest turnover of all the RNLI branches in the south west.

Takings totalled £96,476, more than any of the 30 shops in the region.

And in the entire country the Lyme Regis shop was fifth most successful, just below Southend on Sea.

Mrs Fairley will receive the award at the RNLI's national award ceremony

at the Barbican in London in May.

Although it is a personal award, Mrs Fairley insists it is a tribute to all those who have helped in the shop.

She said: "I am thrilled to bits and I will receive the award on behalf of all the volunteers who have helped to run the shop."

"The secret of our success? Our little shop is right on the beautiful harbour and we have a brilliant band of volunteers."

Mrs Fairley heard about the award in a glowing letter from the charity's chief executive Paul Boissier who referred to "an outstanding contribution to



■ TOP SUPPORTER: Alix Fairley pictured in the RNLI shop in Lyme Regis

the RNLI."

Mrs Fairley gave up the manager's role at the RNLI shop on December 31st when she was appointed manager of the

town's museum.

As well as her managerial role she was a volunteer at the shop for five years.

Death of pantomime stalwart

LYME Regis was saddened and shocked by the sudden death of Ted Colley.

Mr Colley, who lived in Church Street, collapsed at a gathering of the Lyme Regis Film Society at the Regent Cinema on Sunday evening.

The husband of Lyme Regis Pantomime stalwart, Shirley Colley, Mr Colley was much respected in the town, particularly for his work behind the scenes for the pantomime society and Lyme Regis Town Band.

Mr Colley was a backstage helper for both organisations, operating the curtains at their various productions and concerts and he was also a familiar figure on the Marine Parade during the summer months

when he collected at the town band seafront concerts.

He is survived by two children, Tina, a popular stage performer in the area, and local carpenter Mark.

Mr Colley worked for the former Lyme Regis Printing Company in Broad Street for many years.

◆ ANOTHER popular local character, Mr Ernie Bevis, died on Christmas Eve.

Mr Bevis, who lived in Axminster, was a former owner of the greengrocers shop in Broad Street and ran the Haye Gardens nursery for many years.

He was well known for his generous support of many good causes in the town over the years.

New youth club?

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DCC Youth Service, Woodroffe School, Lyme Town Council, the Development Trust, Woodroffe School, the Club for Young People, St Michael's Primary School, the Children's Centre, the Parish Church Council and Lyme Forward.

"This group now includes representatives of parents and those who work with youth in the town. By pooling our resources and ideas, we have hopes of finding practical solutions and getting some progress, especially now we have the County Youth Service on our side and wanting to improve provision."

"It is hoped that anyone with an interest in youth matters will attend the meeting with ideas and help build on the progress which has been achieved."

"Early notice of this public meeting is being given so that people can keep the date free. We have made public as much information as has been available to us."

"Should anyone wish to make suggestions to us before the meeting, please contact me through Ellen Rooke, LymeForward co-ordinator, at Ellen.rooke@lrdt.co.uk"

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District council hopes to secure phone boxes future

WEST Dorset District Council's Executive Committee has approved the decision to oppose BT's plans to remove the district's public phone boxes.

Parish and town councils in West Dorset were asked to share their views on whether phone boxes in their parish are needed.

This followed BT's proposals for parishes to adopt their local phone box for £1, but the telephone equipment will be removed.

Last year West Dorset District Council, backed by the local community, opposed BT plans to remove 72 payphones in the district.

Phone boxes in rural communities can provide a reliable means of communication for young and older people, visitors and those without access to the mobile phone network.

The district council and many parish and town councils are concerned that in areas with poor mobile phone coverage, removing payphones could put lives at risk as people struggle to contact the emergency services.

For BT to be able to progress with their scheme the district council were required to withdraw its veto on removing the equipment, but to do so the district council needed to hear from parish and town councils that these phone boxes were not needed, even in emergency situations where there is poor mobile network coverage.

The district council has decided that only the phone boxes in Minterne Magna and Cheselbourne should have their equipment re-

moved after the parish councils said they had no objections and are now considering adopting their local phone box.

The other 83 phone boxes in the district should remain with fully working equipment.

West Dorset District Council Leader Robert Gould said: "Rural facilities need to be protected, so I am pleased with the decision to continue to oppose BT's proposals to remove phone boxes from the district."

"We would like to thank the parish and town councils for their co-operation. The district council has not had the resources to make a box-by-box decision on the BT proposals, so the

feedback from parish and town councils has been valuable in helping us reach our final decision."

If a parish or town council affected did not respond, then the district council has kept its objection to the removal of phone equipment from the local phone box in that area.

The district council's decision has been sent to BT and the Government's Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (DBERR). BT can appeal against the council's decision by going to the Competition Appeal Tribunal.

For more information and a list of phone boxes affected visit www.dorsetforyou.com/phoneboxes/west

Letwin's pledge

WEST Dorset MP Oliver Letwin has pledged to 'do his bit' for the armed forces on the Royal British Legion website.

Mr Letwin has joined hundreds of other MPs who have made their pledge to the charity online.

The Royal British Legion's campaign website, www.timetodoyourbit.org.uk, is encouraging MPs from across the parties to make the pledge.

The website also features the charity's general election manifesto, which sets out priorities for the next Government to improve conditions for service personnel and their families, the bereaved, veterans and dependants.

Kevin Shinkwin, the Legion's Head of Public Affairs, said, "We're really

grateful to Oliver Letwin for pledging to do his bit."

"The entire Armed Forces family needs the support of politicians from all parties, and our manifesto outlines practical ways the next government can help."

"We hope all the parties will give it serious consideration and that every MP and Prospective Parliamentary Candidate will pledge to do their bit."

Oliver Letwin added: "I was delighted to support The Royal British Legion. They have an important role to play in highlighting the needs of the whole Armed Forces family."

"I have pledged to do my bit and would encourage everyone to visit the website to find out how they can get involved in the campaign."



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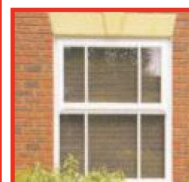
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Mill photo competition a big success

THE first open photo competition and exhibition staged at the Town Mill Gallery in Lyme Regis has been hailed a "fantastic success" by organisers, due to a high level of entries and attendance.

The competition took place between Saturday, November 14th and Sunday, January 3rd and attracted around 2,300 visitors.

The standard of work has been described as very high, with all the gallery space on both floors needed to accommodate everyone's work.

Organisers of the event would like to thank the judges - Maisie Hill, community photographer from Lyme Regis, and Kris Dutson from Dorchester - and John Ombler and David Highet for the superb hanging of the exhibition.

Administrator at the gallery, Margaret Osborn, said: "Special thanks must go to the generous sponsors, Lyme Regis Film Society, Advantage Digital Print of Dorchester and Focal Point Imaging of Exeter."

The winners of the competition were: 1st prize went to Lindsey Harris from Poole for her photograph entitled "Dusk, Poole Harbour", 2nd prize was awarded to Moya Paul from Uplyme for "Put Out" and the 3rd prizewinner was Mark Wills from Thorncombe for 'Industries Decay'.

Highly commended were: Dennis Hockings' "Hebrides Sunset", Phil Taylors' "Weston Super Mare" and "Boy at the Byes" by Jo Wheeler.



■ **PEOPLE PERSON:** Andy White from Bridport won the people's Choice Award for his piece, "After the storm".

The commended category included Elizabeth Berry for "Real Madrid Stadium", Malcolm Bowditch for "Mag-nolia" and Jacques Tutchter for "Room 1".

The People's Choice award went to Andy White from Eype for "After the storm".

Spate of shed thefts in the Lyme area

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to come forward with information regarding a recent spate of shed burglaries and attempted burglaries in the Somer Fields area of Lyme Regis and the village of Wootton Fitzpaine.

The attempts on sheds at Lyme Regis took place between December 23rd and January 4th and the other incidents overnight on Thursday, January 7th.

Good security at the Lyme Regis address may well have thwarted attempts to steal items. However, premises in the Wootton Fitzpaine area were not so lucky with six sheds at four separate locations broken into. Items stolen included a John Deere mulcher mower, Stihl trimmers and chainsaws, McCulloch hedge trimmer, Homelite chainsaw and a container of red diesel.

Road conditions in the area's at the time were treacherous and the use by the thieves of a suitable 4x4 vehicle

is highly likely. Anyone seeing unusual vehicles or suspicious activity by persons in the area are asked to notify the police.

PCSO John Burton advises shed owners to check their sheds and ensure they have good quality toughened hasps and padlocks and where possible to fit an automatic security light and or shed alarm.

He also suggested clearly marking property with address and postcode to make it less desirable to thieves, chaining up expensive equipment when not in use for long periods, consider lowering hedges around outbuildings so there is a direct line of sight to them and locking any gates that are not used regularly.

Any information regarding these crimes should be passed on to PC 1554 Graham Lawrence at Lyme Regis Police station.

Plans to extend facilities at the Davey Fort ground

PLANS to extend the facilities at Lyme Regis Football Club's Davey Fort headquarters in Charmouth Road will be discussed by town councillors this week.

The football club have applied for planning permission to improve their changing room accommodation and to extend the clubhouse to include an enlarged

social area and provision of new tea hut and kitchen.

The club have launched a fundraising campaign to pay for the work and the town council have agreed to contribute £7,500 towards the cost on the granting of planning permission.

The standard of the changing accommodation has fallen below Football Association standards

and the improvements will include separate shower facilities for visiting teams and increased room for the referees.

The plans went before the town council's planning committee last night (Tuesday) and a final decision will be made by West Dorset District Council.

Council grants for village groups

CHRISTMAS came early for several local organisations when Charmouth Parish Council handed out over £1,600 between them.

The council had a total fund of £2,250 and has been left with £582 following the donations.

Charmouth Youth Club came out on top, receiving £500 towards the purchase of a mobile skateboard facility.

Other donations included £368 for the 1st Charmouth Brownies to cover the cost of their annual pantomime trip and £300 to the 1st Charmouth Guides towards a weekend camping trip to celebrate 100 years of Guiding.

The boys weren't left out either, with a £250 donation to the 1st Charmouth Cubs and Scouts, which will go towards making the Scout hut wat-

terproof and purchasing a television, DVD player and computer tables.

The parish council granted £100 each to the Charmouth Traders for the erection of the Christmas Lights, and the Charmouth Twinning Association towards their 25th anniversary celebrations.

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WHILE the snow may have caused chaos on the roads and the closure of

some schools, shops and businesses it wasn't bad news for everybody. The Marine Parade became a scene from a Christmas card and youngsters took to their sledges to enjoy a rare treat.



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We're still alive and kicking

AS Dr Guthrie once said to me, after I had written his premature obituary as a young reporter on the *Lyme Regis News*: "Rumours of my death are grossly exaggerated, young man!"

The same applies to the *View from Lyme Regis*. Contrary to popular conjecture that we are going out of business, we are not dead.

My apologies to those who I have upset in this column over the years – and to one town councillor in particular who has been

revelling in the "collapse of Evans' publishing empire", but the *View from Lyme Regis* is still in business, albeit under new ownership.

We have had our difficulties in recent weeks but I am pleased to say that there is a firm future for the *View* and its sister titles following the acquisition of the papers by Jerry Ramsdale, a highly successful businessman who also owns the Mariners Hotel in Lyme.

Other newspapers were interested, main-

Lyme Matters

by Philip Evans



ly to take us out of the market place, but Jerry thought the *View* papers were too good to go to the wall.

Everything has happened so quickly over the past few days that Jerry and I have not been able to sit down and discuss in detail how the *View* group will

go forward. But I am confident that we will continue to give the same comprehensive coverage of local news that has made the *View from Lyme Regis* so popular.

I am meeting Jerry at the London Boat Show on Thursday where he is launching a new website

business and he plans to visit our offices next week to meet all the staff.

I am delighted that we have been able to keep together most of the staff who have worked so hard over the past few years to make the *View* what it is today. They have been magnificent.

It was a worrying time

for them and I am grateful to each one of them who knuckled down over the Christmas period and got on with what we do best – publishing great community newspapers.

We expected a good kicking from our opposition, especially the *Bridport and Lyme Regis News*. So many inaccurate rumours were doing the rounds, including that we were £2 million in debt, an obscenely gross exaggeration which put off one potential investor, and that I had sacked all my staff apart from my two daughters. To put a stop to it all I agreed to be interviewed by Adrienne Maslem, reporter for the *Lyme Regis News*.

Adrienne produced a fair and accurate report and handled our possible demise in a sympathetic manner.

I'm afraid I can't be so complimentary about some of her colleagues who were ringing and texting my staff and generally making the situation worse for them.

Ironically, whilst we

were already talking to other interested parties, it was Adrienne's story that caught Jerry Ramsdale's eye and was instrumental in him buying the papers. I really should send her a bouquet.

Generally, the people of Lyme have been very supportive over the past few difficult days. I received only one sarcastic remark but was touched by dozens of calls and e-mails wishing us luck in rescuing the papers.

But you don't work in newspapers for as long as I have without making a few enemies. So I'm happy for them to have had their day at my expense.

Every newspaper group has been severely affected by the downturn in advertising revenue over the last year and there have been many casualties up and down the country.

Newsquest, the owners of the *Bridport and Lyme Regis News*, have sacked dozens of staff over the last year, mak-

ing a number redundant on Christmas Eve 2008. They even considered doing away with the *Lyme Regis News* a few months back.

Since then they have reduced their local reporter to working one day a week on the Lyme edition and now focus on the more controversial coverage of local events.

They turn up to very few events these days whereas the policy of the *View from Lyme Regis*, which distributes between 2,500 and 4,000 every week depending on the time of year, we report on as many local events as possible.

I have never been more convinced that there is a place for a newspaper reporting the community events of this town and I look forward to working with Jerry Ramsdale over the coming months to demonstrate we deserve the faith that the people of Lyme have shown in us.

Reported missing after cup final celebration

CONGRATULATIONS to Lyme Regis Football Club on winning the Perry Street League Coronation Cup on Boxing Day.

The 4-0 victory over South Petherton was one of the most comprehensive on record and sets them up nicely for further success this season.

I have great memories of the Coronation Cup, both as a player and former club chairman.

It was the only major cup success I had as a player when we beat Beaminster at Sector Lane, Axminster, towards the end of my playing career.

I was the oldest member of the team and celebrated knowing I

was unlikely to be on the winning side again. After a tour of the Lyme pubs I ended up at No 31 Kingsway, home of the Curtis family where there was always an open door on Boxing Day for all and sundry.

I was accompanied by my second cousin, the late Pat Crate who was stood on a chair reciting "The Thin Red Line", as was his wont, when there was a knock on the door at midnight. It was the local police sergeant who walked in and announced: "Mr Crate, you have been reported missing by your wife!"

The sergeant offered to give Pat a lift home and as he went out of the front door he turned to me and said: "Evans, I'm never going drinking with you again!"

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ViewLetters

'Mean minded' attitude over Christmas Day fire

■ WITH reference to the letter from "an angry Lyme resident" (*View from Lyme Regis, January 6th*) concerning the house fire in Coombe Street at Christmas, I confess I was appalled at the attitude expressed by someone who chose to withhold their name.

How sad that anyone in our community can be so mean minded and apparently not even consider that the person who left a candle burning may have just made a genuine mistake!

I can only assume that the writer of the letter has never made a mistake in their lives and I do hope for their sake they never do as I for one would not be rushing to help

them after this outburst of ill feeling towards folk who undoubtedly had their Christmas ruined.

The lack of Christian, or even just human, caring expressed is beyond my comprehension.

However, I have little doubt that if the writer does need assistance in the future there will be many kind Lyme folk, including myself of course, who will offer help and support.

My address and name are for publication!

Jo Enright
52 Queens Walk
Lyme Regis

Harbourmaster doing a good job

■ IT IS interesting to see that our local Cobb 'expert', Mr. Glen Herbert has written yet another letter attacking the governing authorities. (Your readers will recall his last letter suggesting the WDDC had a secret agenda to develop and build houses on the Cobb.)

The Cobb indeed does show signs of wear and tear but this is not due to the machinery used to dig out the corner of the harbour to create extra moorings. The photograph enclosed by Mr. Herbert in fact points us to the real reason, the debris thrown up by the extreme weather we experienced in October.

I believe we had southerly gales force 10 or 11 on October 13/14. Is Mr. Herbert a newcomer to Lyme Regis as people who have lived here a long time will know that the Cobb has always been well maintained and cared for - but occasionally can look a little worse for wear - it is after all very old!

It seems, however, that Mr. Herbert's real motive for writing the letter is an attack on the Harbourmaster and WDDC as he and his business partner have been refused permission to run a tripping business from Lyme Regis.

I would like to take this opportunity to point out that Harbourmaster Graham Forshaw is doing an excellent job and I am sure your readers will have noticed some of the

changes he has implemented, particularly how clean and tidy the Cobb is these days.

Jean Oakley
Sidmouth Road
Lyme Regis

Christmas Eve Good Samaritan

■ I WOULD like to thank the kind person who called an ambulance for me when I slipped in Sherborne Lane on Christmas Eve and was knocked unconscious.

Thanks to this person I did not have to spend a night on the ice but had my head stitched at Dorchester Hospital and was home in Lyme by 4 am Christmas Day.

Without the call to the ambulance the outcome may have been very different so to whoever you are a heart-felt THANK YOU!

Gerald Gibbs
52 Queens Walk
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Poetry for Pleasure

by Frank McGarry

"If you want to write poetry
you must earn a living some other way."

T.S. Eliot

I PROBABLY read a little more poetry than the average man in the library, but I must confess that a great deal of modern verse is quite unintelligible to me. I think I agree with the American poet who said, "If a poem can be improved by its author's explanations, it should never have been published." When Emily Dickinson was being interviewed in 1870 about her views on poetry, she said, "If I read a book and it makes my whole body so cold no fire can ever warm me, I know that is poetry. If I feel physically as if the top of my head were taken off, I know that is poetry."

This poem by Emily Dickinson seems to be about the Unknown Soldier but it puts me in mind too of all those people in every town and village who quietly go about doing good works without ever being noticed.

To Fight Aloud, is very brave

*To fight aloud, is very brave-
But gallanter, I know
Who charge within the bosom
The Cavalry of Woe-*

*Who win, and nations do not see-
Who fall - and none observe-
Whose dying eyes, no Country
Regards with patriot love-*

*We trust, in plumed procession
For such, the Angels go-
Rank after Rank, with even feet-
And Uniforms of Snow.*

Many of us all grumble and gripe about the inability of forecasters to get their forecasts right. We turn to financial 'experts', weathermen and even clairvoyants to tell us what the future holds. And yet, if we imagine for a

moment a world in which we knew what was going to happen next, I don't think we would like it one little bit. This poem is by J.R. Gillie.

Last Syllable

*He opened the paper in wonder,
And stared, too astonished to speak.
By some cosmological blunder,
The news was the news from next week.*

*While Labour, the Liberals and Tories
Were fighting it out as of yore,
The weather and serious stories
Seemed very much worse than before.*

*Disaster had followed disaster.
The Belgians had gone down with 'flu.
The icecaps were melting much faster
Than they had been scheduled to do.*

*He turned with relief to the horses-
The racing results in advance.
How pleasant to boost one's resources
With bets unencumbered by chance.*

*Six races and three rank outsiders!
He multiplied odds in his head.
No need to check runners and riders;
He'd back all the winners instead.*

*The world would limp on. Why be solemn?
He laughed out loud - then caught his breath,
Observing the name in the column
Which briefly recorded his death.*

If you have a short poem of your own that you would like to share with our readers please send it to: "Poetry for Pleasure", View from Publishing Ltd., St Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3QF. Or e-mail it to us at: pemedia@pemedia.co.uk

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View from Westminster

with MP OLIVER LETWIN



Need for change

SO HERE we are, with Parliament back in session after the Christmas break.

It is, of course, bitterly cold as one walks under the arches and around the courtyards of Westminster. But it isn't only the bitter cold that makes the scene so surreal.

We have entered the stage of the Parliament when the Parliament is not a Parliament any more but rather an ex-Parliament in the making.

When the Speaker, during Prime Minister's Questions last week, remarked in rebuke that we were not on the hustings yet, he was genuinely, if unconsciously, funny.

Very evidently - to all assembled and to all watching - the hustings is exactly where we are. It may be an agonisingly long drawn out process but the election has definitely begun and the Parliament, though not technically dissolved, is as near gone as makes no difference.

There was, of course, the brief excitement of the coup that didn't happen. And that, of course, intensified the sense of the surreal. It seemed a trifle odd, to say the least, that some leading members of the governing party appeared to think that the moment of our greatest ever fiscal crisis was the opportune

time for a spot of political assassination.

But, if that wasn't odd enough, we were treated to the positively bizarre spectacle of a plot where the gunpowder didn't so much fail to go off as fail to appear in the first place.

Guy Fawkes was a professional by comparison with this amateurish attempt. And there is quite a number of people who are sufficiently expert at coups to have been able to provide significantly improved advice if anyone had asked for it.

It remains, of course, entirely mysterious what was in the minds of those who so abundantly failed to engineer the defenestration.

Did they think that others would spontaneously join their ranks? Were they misled by honeyed phrases that turned out to be sweet nothings? Or was there some motive so subtle as to be wholly invisible?

In any event, as this most unsatisfactory of Parliaments nears its most unsatisfactory ending, we reflect on the need for change and hope never to see anything quite like it again.

In the now famous phrase, we cannot go on like this.

'Exciting' ideas already in place for 2010 ArtsFest

LYME Regis ArtsFest is calling all interested artists and supporters to the 2010 planning meeting and 2009 annual meeting.

ArtsFest wants to provide a range of exhibitions, open studios and art trail, and offer opportunities for arts experiences. Already some exciting suggestions have been put forward, with plans from the Museum, Marine Theatre and others underway.

The ArtsFest AGM will follow the planning meeting at the Guildhall on Tuesday, January 19th (starting at 7 pm) and will include a full report on 2009's successful event and the election of officers and committee for 2010.

ArtsFest director Sally Holman said: "While we emphasise the visual arts, we are also about the whole arts and crafts spectrum - music, dance, drama, and film, the performance arts, sculpture, pottery, literature and textiles.

"The need to be virtually self-sufficient means we must plan carefully, and our artists, a very committed

group, already fund much of the event themselves.

"The main costs are the high-quality brochure and the website, essential advertising which reflects the standing of ArtsFest.

"There are hopes that the youth music project, B Sharp, may be playing and busking, that was so popular.

"We always get lots of offers for workshops and events, Lyme is such a popular place and ArtsFest well established, but if you want to put something on, and I certainly encourage people to offer, it will need to pay for itself.

"Everyone will appreciate that grants are just non-existent, but we are a determined group and stress that everyone is very welcome to come along and join in.

"Participating in a creative, artistic activity enriches the lives of people of all ages. Lyme has a vibrant arts community and unique venues like the Town Mill (and soon, the Malthouse), the Marine Theatre and Museum.

"Many enjoy classes run

by local artists and craftsmen, and ArtsFest offers a chance for people to experience some of these. Photography is very popular, almost everyone you see has a camera and is click-

ing something of our beautiful Lyme scene.

"ArtsFest is able to enter the National Campaign for Drawing, known as 'The Big Draw', which brings young and older people to-

gether to share an activity.

"Personally, I would like to see this aspect of sharing creative experiences highlighted again in 2010, but can we achieve that?"

Snapshot of Dorset

A NEW book titled 'Dorset Journey' that aims to capture a snapshot of the county at the beginning of the 21st century has just been published.

The book, described by author Alan R. Bennett as "part investigative journalism, part travel and part autobiography," follows him as he travels across the county, visiting every town and over 50 villages.

Mr Bennett's travels begin at the Marine Parade, Lyme Regis on New Year's Eve 2008. During his time in Lyme Mr Bennett visits Woodroffe Secondary School, the Marine Theater and even our own newspaper offices.

As he travels west Mr Bennett stops off in Bridport to visit councillors, Palmers Brewery and

Book Review from Tom Glover

young people from the youth service and the Bridport Young Persons Action Trust.

There are many familiar faces featured in the book as Mr Bennett continues his journey taking in Beaminster, Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland as well as many other places.

Mr Bennett said: "There are some superb books on Dorset but they are always rooted in the past.

"I wanted to capture the county now so in years to come people can look back and hopefully see that it captures a particular period.

"I wanted to find a mixture of people from those who were well known to the ordi-

nary people on the street. "I've always loved travel books and I think I was particularly inspired by J.B. Priestley's 'English Journey.' He travelled the country and found a great contrast.

"I met a lot of different people on my journey and I'd like to think it gives a true reflection."

As well as many popular local personalities there are number of famous faces in the book including Julian Fellowes and a foreword from TV antiques expert Paul Atterbury.

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Helping others on the road to recovery

THE new chairman of Dorset Mental Health Forum has good reason to be interested in the work of the Dorchester-based independent charity.

Former RAF officer Hannah Walker, 53, who was brought up on the Isle of Wight and now lives in West Dorset, had a glowing service history until she suffered the first of many breakdowns in 1990.

After graduating from officer training with the sash of merit and training as a personnel officer, she had many and varied jobs in the RAF, including Royal visits officer in Germany and a member of the operational staff in the Ministry of Defence.

"I travelled widely and represented both the RAF and combined services at sailing," she said.

But after becoming ill, she was eventually diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

"It was decided I should be thrown out of the RAF under the same regulations applied to drug addicts and alco-

holics and without a pension," she said. "It took me well over a year to fight that and for the RAF to admit they had made a mistake."

In the end, she was invalided out of the RAF as a squadron leader in 1991. She retrained as a psychotherapist and worked on an acute psychiatric ward for six years until, once again, she had to retire because of her mental health.

Hannah describes her road to recovery as long and hard. She is very passionate about the forum's work and it's why she is so willing to be its figurehead.

"I must have taken every tablet known to man in the hope of controlling the symptoms of my illness," she recalled. "I've had 24 admissions to psychiatric wards during the last 20 years."

"I started my life as a patient on a mixed ward with nothing to recommend about it. There was violence and quite often I didn't feel safe. The dormitories had four beds in them and there

HANNAH WALKER had a promising career in the RAF until she suffered a series of mental breakdowns. Now the new chairman of Dorset Mental Health Forum, Hannah talks to MARGERY HOOKINGS about how living with mental health affected her life.

were communal baths.

"On night shifts it was very difficult to sleep and a search for a staff member was hopeless. The doctors gave orders to the nurses who gave orders to the patients, most of whom paid no attention. The buildings were grim and the food grimmer."

"The subsequent hospital I went to was very different. I was consulted about my care at every stage and helped to fill in my care plan. Staff were approachable and had time to talk."

"There were single rooms and the food was better. Now I go there with a very positive attitude that I shall get better quickly and not spend too much time away from home."

Hannah said the difference between the two units was very simple. The first practised what is called the "medical

model", where, Hannah said "the psychiatrist was God and in any case one never saw him".

The second unit practised a "recovery model".

"This places patients in the centre of their care and they are looked upon as the experts when being treated," Hannah said.

"Groups of different kinds fill the days and the occupational therapy room is widely used. Staff have emerged from their hiding places and are very willing to help and to talk."

"No longer does the psychiatrist hold such power as there are more than enough people with illnesses to tell them what works best for them. I can't speak warmly enough of the recovery model and the better outcomes it produces."



■ HANNAH Walker

What is the Dorset Mental Health Forum?

DORSET Mental Health Forum is a Dorset-wide independent charity run and led predominantly by people who have experienced mental health problems.

The forum, which is based in Durngate Street, Dorchester, employs about 40 staff and has a range of projects across Dorset and ongoing developments, funded in a number of different ways – including contracts from local statutory organisations, a grant from the Big Lottery Fund and social enterprise income.

It provides information for mental health service users and their carers, the general public and statutory services. It provides day services, an advocacy service and mental health awareness training.

Becky Aldridge, assistant services manager, said: "The forum has a clear philosophy and ethos. Service users, people with lived experience of mental health problems and recovery are at the heart of everything we do."

According to the Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health, "recovery" is defined as "a set of values about a person's right to build a meaningful life for themselves, with or without the continuing presence of mental health symptoms. Recovery is based on ideas of self-determination and self-management. It emphasizes the importance of hope in sustaining motivation and supporting expectations of an individually fulfilled life".

Said Becky: "Many of our staff are being supported along their own personal journey of recovery, having become employed by the forum at a time when other employment was not achievable for them."

"Not only have these people been able to experience flexible, understanding and supportive employment, but in some cases they have been able to utilise their own experiences to positive effect for others, which has enabled them to grow in confidence and to develop themselves."

"Another example would be how we have empowered and enabled service users to believe they will be heard and to have a voice regarding the shaping, modernising and delivery of local

statutory mental health services.

"We have a growing constituency of several hundred mental health service users and people with lived experience in Dorset, with whom we regularly consult and involve in statutory service planning."

"Many people are also involved directly in influencing service provision by attending meetings and providing representative feedback, taking part in recruitment and training of statutory staff and developing forum peer-led services themselves."

For more information about the forum, go to the website at www.dorsetmentalhealthforum.org.uk.



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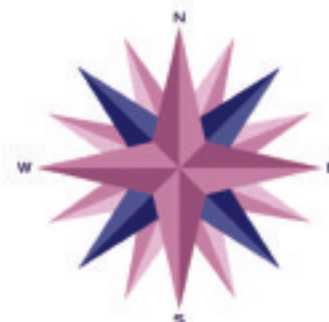
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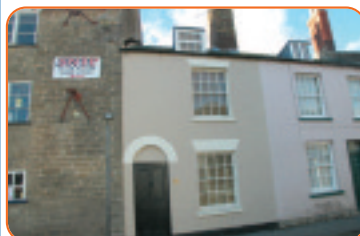
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- Kitchen/diner
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- Conservatory
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- No Onward Chain

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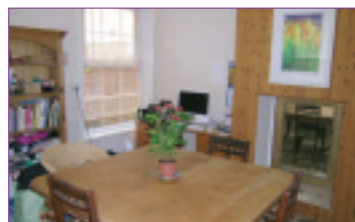
- Town
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Spacious Open

- Plan Living
- Open Fire in Lounge
- Garden to the Rear

BRIDPORT £220,000



- Period Semi Detached
- Good Location close to Town



- Three Bedrooms
- Garden & Parking

- uPVC D/G & Gas CH
- Internal Updating Required

BRIDPORT £240,000



- Detached 4 Bed Home
- Spacious Kitchen/Diner



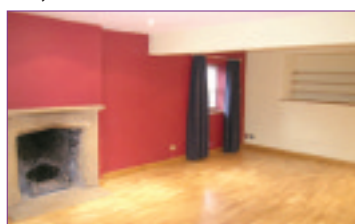
- Large Conservatory
- Lounge & Cloakroom

- Northern Edge of Town
- Garage & Enclosed Garden

WINSHAM £365,000



- Substantial Grade II Listed House
- Central Village Location



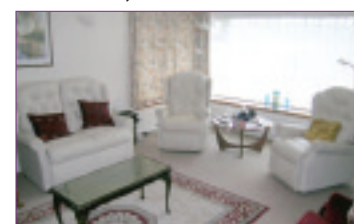
- 4-5 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms
- Spacious Lounge with Hamstone Fireplace

- Bespoke Kitchen & Sep Dining Room
- Utility Room & Garden Room
- Courtyard Garden

BRIDPORT GUIDE PRICE £400,000



- Detached Home with Views
- 4-5 Bedrooms – Two En-Suites



- Lounge, Dining Room & Study
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- Large Garden with Summer House
- Tucked Away but Convenient Location

UPLYME £425,000



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CHARMOUTH - £650,000



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- 3 beds with master en suite
- Lounge
- Dining area
- Sunroom
- Family bathroom
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- Shower room
- WC
- Panoramic sea views

NEW
INSTRUCTION

CHARMOUTH - £228,000

Versatile 4 bed mid terraced house
within level walking distance of shops and beach

Kitchen - Dining room - Utility -

WC - Lounge - Family Room -

4 bedrooms - Bathroom - GCH - Gardens

NO
CHAIN

CHARMOUTH - £245,000



Immaculate 2 Double Bed apartment within village centre

- Master en suite
- Further double bed
- Large lounge with bay windows
- Kitchen/diner
- Bathroom
- Parking
- Garage
- Views
- Lift

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with new instruction
in January
(Conditions apply)**

CHARMOUTH - £220,000



Delightful cottage with scope for improvement

- Kitchen
- Lounge /diner
- Courtyard garden
- Bathroom
- 2 bedrooms
- Parking

CHARMOUTH - £295,000



An immaculate bright modern 3 bed semi-detached house close to the shops and a level walk to the beach

- Entrance Hall
- Cloakroom
- Living Room
- Kitchen
- Dining/Sun Room
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LYME REGIS - £149,500



- Entrance porch
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- Living room
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- Two bedrooms
- Parking

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- Entrance Porch
- Kitchen
- Sitting Room
- 4 Bedrooms
- Dining Room
- 2 Bathrooms
- Conservatory
- Utility room



- Garden Room
- Enclosed Gardens
- Gas Central Heating

LYME REGIS - £650,000



- Established guest house
- 1920's detached property
- Popular location close to the town
- Self-contained annexe / owners' accommodation

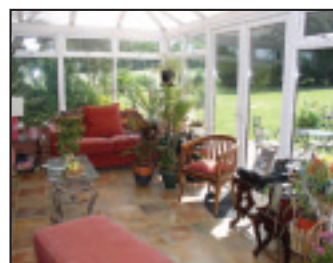


- 6 letting rooms with facilities
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- Breakfast room and sun lounge
- Sea and woodland views
- Ample parking and double garage
- Front and rear garden
- Gas CH and Double glazing

ROUSDON - £745,000



- Individual spacious house
- Village setting close to Lyme Regis
- Potential annexe / B&B
- 5 bedrooms, 3 en-suite
- Large living room
- Family kitchen / breakfast room
- Dining hall and study
- uPVC double glazed conservatory
- Approx. half acre landscaped garden
- Additional 3.75 acre paddock
- Detached double garage
- Gravelled driveway and parking



UPLYME - £675,000



- Entrance Hall
- Drawing Room
- Dining Room
- Study
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Conservatory
- Master Bedroom
- Three Further Bedrooms One With Ensuite



- Two Family Bathrooms
- Swimming Pool
- Gardens
- Summer House

LYME REGIS - £275,000



- Sitting Room
- En Suite Bathroom
- Dining Room/Bedroom 3
- Shower Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Car Parking
- 2 Bedrooms
- Communal Gardens

CHARDSTOCK - £495,000



- Village location
- Individual detached bungalow
- Self contained studio annex
- Detached garage with planning permission
- Kitchen/ breakfast room
- Dining room
- uPVC woodgrain effect double glazing throughout
- Impressive sun lounge/ conservatory
- Three bedroom master en suite
- Family bathroom

LYME REGIS - £265,000



- Modern terraced bungalow
- Very well presented
- Good sized accommodation
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Some sea views from the rear garden
- Open plan kitchen / dining room
- Two ground floor bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Study area
- First floor bedroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage to the rear of the terrace

LYME REGIS - £575,000



- Entrance hallway
- Cloakroom
- Study
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen/ breakfast room
- Utility room
- Master bedroom
- Four further bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
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WEST COMPTON - £695 PCM



Located between Dorchester & Bridport, this attractive 3 bed rural cottage on a mansion house development offered in excellent order, spacious lounge / diner, bathroom, modern kitchen/b'fast, off street parking, very large garden with veggie patch, stunning views.

BRIDPORT - £550 PCM



A first floor 2 double bedroom flat in this beautiful period building close to the town, spacious lounge, kitchen, bathroom with shower and sep w.c., sash windows, neutral décor, available Feb 2010 unfurnished

MORCOMBELAKE - £595 PCM



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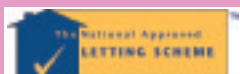
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Bridport Pantomime Players return with Jack and the Beanstalk

AFTER their successful adventures on the high seas with Sinbad the Sailor, the Bridport Pantomime Players are now safely back on shore with JACK AND THE BEANSTALK and contentedly living in Serenia, a happy care-free community ruled by King Hubert (Sue Farrant).

But trouble is just around the corner! Rancid (Jamie Isaacs), a somewhat unpleasant person, the sort of person you want to boo and hiss, has

been sent by the wicked Giant Blunderbore (Tom Staple) to take over Serenia.

Dame Trot (Steve Light) a hard-working widow, has two sons – Jack our hero (Teresa Grinter) and Simple Simon (Jess Ives) and runs the local dairy with a bit of help from Daisy the Cow (front half John Day: back half Tony Glover).

Jack is in love with the King's daughter, Princess Melissa (Emily Deer), but can't afford to marry her; Dame Trot can't afford to pay the rent, and the King's crown gets stolen! Daisy the Cow has to be sold to pay the rent, the Princess is kidnapped and both are transported to the wicked Giant's domain, where Cookie (Sarah Light) a kindly soul, takes care of them both.

With magical help from Fairy Thistledown (Helen Light) good wins over evil – as it does in all the best pantomimes! The two villagers are Gill Nunn and Sarah Pitcher, and together with the chorus, this pantomime will be full of traditional fun and laughter.

Jack and the Beanstalk will be on stage at The Electric Palace in January from Tuesday 26th – Saturday 30th with a matinee on the Thursday

and Saturday. The Box Office is at Pets' Pavilion, South Street, from Monday, January 4th. Open

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Elephant Talk



This original 3-piece band formed in the mid-nineties and have since recorded five albums, toured throughout Europe and played at most of the UK's major festivals.

The band's current line-up are Jon Maybey on guitar, mandolin and foot controlled loops and samples, Sarah Joy on vocals and Matt Tarling on fiddle.

The concert starts at 8.30pm Friday 15th January. Tickets are £5 (£4 concessions) on the door. Bring your own drinks and dancing shoes!

You can listen to the band at www.myspace.com/elephanttalkuk

Bridport & District Model Railway Club

THE Bridport and District Model Railway Club will be holding a Model Railway Exhibition this Saturday (January 16th) in the Public Hall, Fleet Street, Beaminster from 10am until 5pm.

There will be layouts in a variety of

sizes including the "Wadebridge" as featured recently in the Railway Modeller magazine.

In addition there will be second hand stands as well as refreshments served throughout the day.

What's on at

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The Manor Weekday Lunch Club: join us for lunch in the Cellar Bar. As well as the usual bar menu you will be able to choose from the specials board offering two main courses for £6.00. Those joining us for lunch will automatically be entitled to special deals on forthcoming events.

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LYME REGIS: Save the Children - soup and pud lunch at the Inn Place, The Pilot Boat, 1 Bridge Street. 12noon - 2pm. £5 includes soup, pudding and coffee. Telephone 01297 560694 or 560402 for more details.

SATURDAY JANUARY 16TH

BROADMAYNE: Raffle, craft, plants, books, jigsaws, cards, local trout, sausages and eggs, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. Held at St Martin's Community Hall (next to the church) from 10am - 12noon. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. Call 01305 852886 for more details.

THURSDAY JANUARY 21ST

DORCHESTER: Dorset Plant Heritage AGM followed by Tim Hooker, Group President and National Collections Officer giving an illustrated talk 'Trees for all seasons'. At Kingston Maurwood College from 7pm. Visitors welcome.

MONDAY JANUARY 25TH

BRIDPORT: Illustrated Talk: 'Beyond Old Harry' by speaker Rod Lawrence. This talk follows on from a previous talk 'Ecology of the Jurassic Coast'. Presented by the Golden Cap Centre of the National Trust. At Bridport United Church Hall, East Street from 2.30pm. Non-members welcome. Telephone 01308 863577 for more details.

TUESDAY JANUARY 26TH

BEAMINSTER: Illustrated Talk: 'Smuggling Tales & Trails' by speaker Rob Curtis. At Beaminster Museum, Whitcombe Road from 3.30pm. All welcome. Telephone 01308 863577 for more details.

FEBRUARY 19TH, 20TH & 21ST

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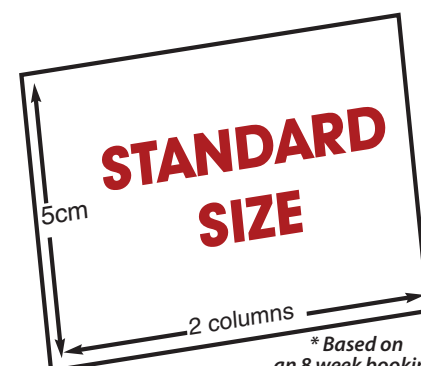


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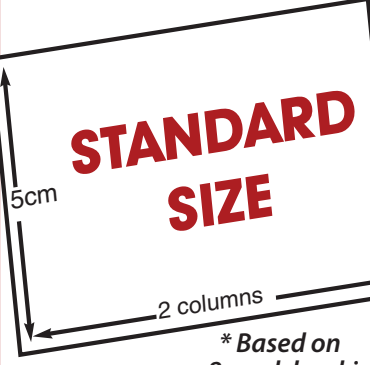
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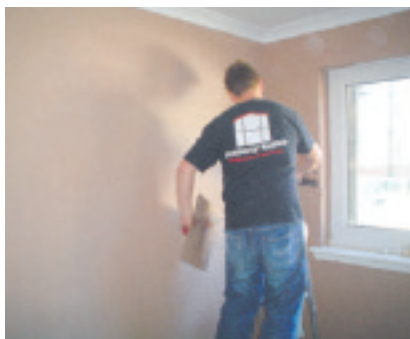
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Manager-Cars at Honda UK, where he headed the car business across all functions.

During his tenure at Honda UK he was acknowledged for his role in driving growth, leading and managing change. In 2008 he was named as the 2006 winner in the 'Rising Stars' sales awards by the leading automotive trade publication, Automotive Management.

Taking over his new position in Frankfurt from 1 January 2010, Bradley will report to Paul Philpott, COO of KME.

Announcing the appointment, Paul Philpott commented: "As a powerful and dynamic European team, we are quickly making progress in creating a strong organization, leveraging and adding new resources in our region. Given the importance of a strong sales organization in achieving our key objectives, we are delighted to welcome Bernard to this new role. KME will benefit greatly from his unrivalled, thorough and in-depth sales leadership skills

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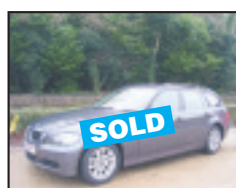
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## Dynamic next-generation Ford Focus debuts

■ Next-generation Ford Focus makes its worldwide debut at 2010 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) in Detroit.

■ Focus spearheads Ford's new generation of global C-cars, all based on a common platform that will underpin up to 10 vehicles around the world and account for two million units of annual production by 2012.

■ Stylish new range provides customers with class-leading new technologies, features and craftsmanship.

■ New Focus targets exceptional fuel economy, and advances acclaimed levels of driving quality.

■ New range will start production simultaneously in Europe and North America in late 2010 and go on sale early in 2011.

THE next-generation Ford Focus makes its worldwide debut today at the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) in Detroit, providing customers with more affordable technologies and features than ever in this segment, as well as detailed craftsmanship, outstanding fuel economy and a new standard for driving quality.

Both the four-door saloon and five-door hatchback body styles of the next-generation Focus are previewed prior to their production start for Europe and North America late in 2010 and market launch early in 2011.

Production of the next-generation Ford Focus will begin simultaneously in Europe and North America in late 2010, with individual market launches starting early in 2011. Initial production will be concentrated at the Saarlouis (Germany), Michigan (United States) and Chongqing (China) Assembly Plants.

The new Focus will be one of up to 10 unique models to be built from Ford's new C-car platform, which is expected to generate total sales in all regions of two million units annually by 2012. The first of these will be the new Ford C-MAX and Ford Grand C-MAX – unveiled at the 2009 Frankfurt Motor Show – for launch in Europe in the second half of 2010.

"Global customers increasingly want smaller cars with outstanding fuel economy, but without sacrificing any of the style, technology, connectivity and driving quality they demand from larger vehicles," explained Derrick Kuzak, Ford's group vice president of Global Product Development.

"Our next generation of C-cars – led by the exciting new Focus – will clearly show that Ford is ready to meet that challenge," said

Kuzak.

#### Taking kinetic design to the next level

The two models share a sporty and dynamic character, marking the next evolution of Ford's acclaimed kinetic design form language. The kinetic design approach uses bold vehicle designs to capture the feeling of energy in motion, so that cars look like they are moving – even when they are standing still.

With its striking front end, sleek profile, dramatic rising beltline and athletic stance, the new Focus clearly telegraphs the rewarding driving experience that awaits customers when they take to the road.

This dynamic quality is reinforced by the distinctive design of the interior. The new Focus has an extremely modern, cockpit-style interior, with the stylish centre console wrapped around the driver and providing outstanding access to the vehicle's major controls and display panels.

A key element of the interior is the quality of craftsmanship. The cabin's bold and contemporary graphics, the sculptured shape of the soft-touch instrument panel and the choice of superior trim materials all help to give occupants the feeling that they are travelling in a premium-class car.

#### Unmatched driving quality

Introduced in 1998, the original Ford Focus brought new levels of agility and responsiveness to the C-segment. The all-new Focus plans to raise the benchmark once more, targeting class-leading driving quality that blends outstanding steering precision and road feedback with significantly improved refinement and ride control.

Engineers have updated the innovative suspension concepts from prior models, developing optimised new designs for the "control blade" multilink rear suspension and the semi-isolated front and rear subframes. The chassis design is complemented by a completely new Electric Power Assist Steering system, which has been carefully tuned to deliver pure and precise responses at high speed while remaining light and manoeuvrable for parking.

#### Intuitive technology enhances convenience and safety

The technology package of the new Focus promises not only clear leadership in the C-segment, but also includes features customers in larger, more premium segments would find surprising. The new technologies have been designed to be simple and highly intuitive to use, while enhancing both convenience and safety for the vehicle occupants including driver connect technology, MyFord, which provides the driver with a state-of-the-art combination of controls and display screens to operate the key vehicle features.

MyFord is complemented by a new generation of Ford's powerful SYNC® connectivity package, which includes a sophisticated voice control system, Bluetooth and satellite navigation, along with connection points for a variety of devices and media players.

#### Strength and safety

The Focus platform provides an incredibly strong and stiff structure, which not only benefits vehicle dynamics and refinement but also provides the basis for enhanced crash performance. High-strength steels are used extensively in the next-generation Focus body

shell. These advanced materials help the structure meet the most stringent crash legislation across world markets, while minimising the vehicle's weight.

#### Quality and craftsmanship in every detail

The new Focus will make significant strides in reducing cabin noise, promising a quiet cabin environment. This refinement complements the fresh new interior design and higher craftsmanship levels to create a pre-

mium feel akin to larger vehicles.

Each component in the vehicle that the customer will touch, see, hear or even smell has been subjected to rigorous analysis to ensure that it will exceed an owner's expectations. Particular attention has been given to the quality of interior trim materials, and the colour matching, gaps, flushness and tolerances where one part meets another.

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## VAUXHALL RETAIL SALES END YEAR ON YET ANOTHER BUMPER MONTH

FOLLOWING a year-on-year retail sales increase of 128 per cent in November, Vauxhall has yet again proved its appeal to user-chooser buyers by posting December retail sales up 54 per cent over the same month in 2008.

Vauxhall posted 6050 retail sales in December, which not only exceeded the 3925 sales from De-

cember 2008, when the recession first took hold, but also the 5881 retail sales recorded in December 2007.

This brings to a close what has been an outstanding last quarter for Vauxhall, with a total of 18,884 retail sales recorded, a 53 per cent increase over the same period in the previous year.

"A major contributor to this success has been the new Astra," said Rory Harvey, Vauxhall's Retail Sales Director. "In December 2008 the old model was running sixth in its segment, but a year on the Mk 6 has helped us achieve third place with retail sales boosted from 493 to 1969 units – a 299 per cent im-

provement. We've also seen Corsa retail sales rise by 37 per cent, with 2857 units registered."

But Vauxhall's success didn't stop there. Retail sales of commercial vehicles grew by 18 per cent year on year, with 554 units registered in December 2009, contributing to a final quarter increase of 27 per cent over the same period in 2008.

"We're looking forward to building on this success in 2010," said Rory. "With new Astra coming on stream after its launch last month, followed by the new Movano joining the commercial vehicle line-up and the new Meriva in June, we hope to deliver plenty more great retail sales stories."

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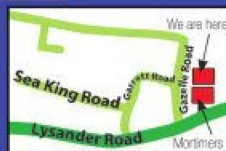
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## FORD PAYS VAT INCREASE

FORD has announced 2010 new car offers which offset this month's VAT rise.

As VAT returns to 17.5 per cent, Ford is offsetting the 2.5 per cent increase to the end of February.

With the Government's scrap-age incentive scheme also expiring at the end of February 2010, market leader Ford is braced for extra busy winter trad-

ing.

Ford's VAT offset applies to all car ranges from compact Ka to seven-seater Galaxy. Even greater discounts remain available for scrappage customers replacing cars at least eight years old. Scrappage incentives of at least £2,000 have attracted an extra 35,500 customers to the blue oval.

Nigel Sharp, Ford Britain managing director, said: "Ford is offering some relief from the cold, tough start to 2010 by delaying the VAT impact on its new car prices to March.

"Combined with the scrappage deals still available for customers with older cars, they present plenty of reasons to visit a Ford dealer this winter."



## Snow leads to increased car insurance disputes

USED Car Expert magazine has seen a significant increase in number of enquiries via its website www.UsedCarExpert.co.uk relating to disputes with insurance companies over the value of their car, which have been written off by snow-related accidents. Consumers seem most frustrated when their car was written off because someone else collided with it while it was parked in a street. The icy conditions, and poor visibility are resulting in car accidents and as a result insurance claims.

Editor Matt Tumbridge said, "The Government's grilling policy means lots of side streets are ice rinks and even at slow speeds, sadly cars are going out of control and in urban areas the first thing they hit is another car."

"It is particularly frustrating for car owners who weren't even at the car when the accident happened. In several cases the person responsible left no contact details so the victim is not only having to argue over the value of the car but also losing their no claims bonus and facing the prospect of seeing

their premium rise."

On the problem of insurance valuations he said, "Most insurers use a trade publication to value the car and offer the minimum they can get away with.

That is unfair and unrealistic. The car owner has a right to a pay out that will enable them to pay full retail price for a car of equal condition. No one can ever be 100% certain that a car will be reliable when they buy it, so consumers who have lost their car in this way deserve to be able to buy from a dealer where they get a warranty."

Tumbridge's advice for car owners is, "Obtain a price from our website for both the national average and regional average retail price. Then find several cars for sale in the area at dealers and compile it all in a robust explanation of why the insurance company's valuation is not fair. If there are cars available at the price the insurer suggests, include those, highlighting how they are not the same as your car. Usually they will be higher mileage, have less service history or less equipment. Most insurers will see sense when given evidence like that.



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## PERRY STREET LEAGUE

with HOWARD LARCOMBE

FREEZE UP CAUSES LEAGUE  
TO ABANDON ALL GAMES

THE lack of match action gives rise to an opportunity to just take stock of the season so far, as well as recalling some of the League's long, and distinguished history in the form of an A to Z.

**A** is for Arthur Gage Cup. The Final is played on Sector Lane, home of ex-Perry Street League club Axminster Town who are currently performing in the South-West Peninsula League Division One (East).

The current cup holders are Pymore who beat West-Dorset rivals Charmouth 4-3 on penalties following a thrilling 3-3 draw after extra-time. This trophy is open to teams from Division One with Crewkerne Reserves (five wins) the most successful team in the competition's 59-year history.

**B** is for Bill Bailey Cup. The current holders are Luso-Chard who secured their First ever Perry Street League silverware with a 2-0 replay victory over Chard Rangers Reserves at Combe.

The replayed final, a rarity in these days of penalty shoot-outs, took place after the initial game at Beaminster ended goal less and referee Lance Turner deemed conditions too dark to take the spot-kicks.

The most successful team in the competitions' 37-year-old history is Powmatic. The defunct Ilminster-based factory team have their name on the trophy in four different guises; Rangers, Ilminster, Sports and Reserves.

**C** is for Coronation Cup. The show-piece Boxing Day Final threw up a shock this season when South Petherton suffered their biggest defeat for seven years as they were beaten 4-0 by Lyme Regis in an unexpectedly one-sided affair. The win moves Lyme to sec-

ond in the all-time list of winners with seven triumphs, two behind leaders Merriott Rovers.

**D** is for Daisy Hutchings. The DH Cup is the Perry Street League's equivalent of the FA cup with teams from four of the five Divisions competing for the trophy.

Second Division Millway Rise produced a major shock by winning the trophy for the first time last season.

Shepton Beauchamp hold the record for most wins with six (in-a-row) in the 80s when teams from the top Division were also included.

**E** is for Eastlee Park home of Farway United. Farway are the most West-erly of the clubs in League and have remained loyal despite several offers to join the Devon & Exeter League.

The Ground is situated in a deep valley in East Devon and as such does have one or two problems with drainage, but the club, led by stalwart manager Andy Bailey, keeps plugging away and looks well-set for a push to regain their Premier Division status

**F** is First Avenue home of Millway Rise. Millway are not known as the Slopers without good reason.

The First Avenue incline is probably the steepest in the entire League – many a full-back has stumbled, gasping, back up the hill chasing a teenage substitute winger in the last minute of injury-time!

**G** is for goals, the more the merrier! This season's current average is 5.12 per game.

**H** is for Hall. At 74-years young Bob Hall is still doing sterling work as the League's oldest referee. Bob

has also donated the Fair play trophy award which is currently held by Pymore.

**I** is for (Devon, Dorset, Somerset) Intermediate Cup. Lyme Regis have won the Dorset version six times since 1995 with Beaminster chipping-in with one triumph back in 1994.

The closest a current PSL team has come to winning the Devon Cup was back in 2003 when Farway United were beaten in the Final.

The Somerset Intermediate Cup is slightly different in as much as it's the Junior Cup's 'little brother'. Ilminster Town Reserves were the last PSL team to lift the trophy back in 2001-02.

**J** is for John Lukins. The much-respected reporter/historian and keeper of the PSL archives.

An ex-goalkeeper for, amongst others Merriott Rovers, John has been writing about the League for more than 50-years and was made a life-member back in the Summer – a person this writer has the upmost respect for.

**K** is for Kenny Hodges Cup. The current holders are FC First who beat Crewkerne Rangers 3-1 in last year's Final in, what appears to have been, their one and only season in the League.

**L** is for local-derby. Most clubs are contained within quite a small proximity but geographically and historically some of the more stand-out local clashes currently are; Crewkerne Town v Merriott Rovers, Ilminster Colts v Dowlish & Donyatt, Lyme Regis v Charmouth, Thorncombe v Winsham United and South Petherton v Barrington.



A GOOD START: Nick Eckland - leading Chinnocks to Premier?



PROLIFIC: Crewkerne Rangers' Simon Denslow, 25 goals already



LEADING THE WAY: Steve Mockeridge, 687 goals and counting!

**M** is for Mockeridge – the most prolific goal scorer still currently playing in the League. Steve, 51, is currently turning out for Combe B in Division four where he has scored twice this season to take his tally up to 687.

**N** is for no joy. Charmouth Reserves have gone 10 matches without a win. Meanwhile White Horse have gone 28 games with no clean sheet.

**O** is for Oxleaze home of West & Middle Chinnock. The Chinnocks returned to the League after an absence of more than 25 years when Haselbury disbanded on the eve of the 2007-08 season.

Immediate promotion and a place in Division One followed as manager Nick Eckland led his side to runners-up spot behind Champions Chard United.

The following season the Chinnocks consolidated their Division status finishing fourth and picked-up the Division One knock-out Cup in the process.

**P** is for prolific. Simon Denslow is the League's current top-scorer with 25 for Crewkerne Rangers. Denslow, the holder of the Golden Boot after bagging 44 goals last season, has also struck seven of the League's 74 hat-tricks.

The top individual performance so far has come from Beaminster's Tristan Gale who scored a magnificent seven in the 13-0 annihilation of Charmouth back in September.

**Q** is for quality. The League still runs it's senior and under 18 pick-of-the-League teams de-

spite disconcerting noises from many outposts of the three county League.

The Under 18s landed the Durnford Cup last season for the first time since 1966.

**R** is for regular. Ilminster Town Colts and Lyme Regis are the League's most regular goalscorers having found the net at least once in each of their last 30 matches.

**S** is for South Petherton. Pethy are the current kings of the Perry Street League having finished in the top three in each of the last five seasons – picking up three titles along the way. Beaminster and Lyme Regis are attempting to shift the balance of power back towards West Dorset.

**T** is for Tommy Tabberer Cup – a knock-out competition currently played for by Division Two teams. Tabberer was a talented Lyme Regis forward who was tragically killed in a bicycle accident in the early 60s.

The current cup holders are Perry Street Reserves who became only the third team to retain the 48-year-old trophy when they beat Uplyme 4-1 at the Davey Fort.

The Mothers' second string and Barrington jointly hold the record for most wins with three apiece.

**U** is for unbeaten. Farway United Reserves have no been beaten since May 13th – A run stretching back 11 matches.

**V** is for Jack Venn Cup. This trophy for Division Two teams is currently residing with Perry Street Reserves after they edged past Ilminster Town Colts 3-2 in last season's Cup

Final.

Overall top performers are Millway Rise who have lifted the 48-year-old trophy on five occasions, including three times in the last seven seasons.

**W** is for Waytown Hounds. The Hounds are the League's newest team having made the switch from Sunday League football.

The Netherbury-based team have already made a great start and are challenging for promotion to Division Three. In addition the new boys are in the Semi-Final of the Reg Egdon Cup.

**X** is for ex-teams. FC First, Chard Town Colts are the latest additions to a list that includes amongst others; C&K Wadeford, North Coker, Seaton Town A, Chard Meat, Chaffcombe, Axmouth United and Upottery.

**Y** is for you! Every player has been on the wrong end of a hammering at some time during their playing careers.

The biggest in recent times was White Horse Reserves' 22-0 demolition of hapless Chard United Reserves back in 2004-05. The Chard team were also beaten 21-0 by Hawkchurch Reserves in the same season.

This term Charmouth hold the dubious record going down 13-0 to Beaminster.

**Z** is for zero – zero. There have been just two goal less draws so far this season (Forton Rangers v Farway United and Fivehead United v Combe A) – an average of one every 116 games!

## WEST DORSET FOOTBALLROUND-UP

HUTCH DENIES RIFT  
WITH CHAIRMAN  
OVER SIGNINGS

IAN Hutchinson has hit back at suggestions that three players were recently signed without his knowledge.

Rival local newspaper reports claimed the Terras manager knew nothing about the arrivals of loan duo Stephen Read and Scott Bennett, and non-contract signing, Pierre Joseph-Dubois, and had suggested that chairman George Rolfs had brought the three players into the View From Stadium behind the manager's back.

But Hutchinson denies this, revealing that Bennett and Joseph-Dubois were his signings.

He said: "Scott and Pierre were both players I wanted and who I went and got. It has been said that I knew nothing about them coming in, but I did. They were my signings.

"It's true that I wasn't keen on bringing Stephen in and his arrival came about due to the chairman's contacts. I told Stephen the score right from the start but, to be fair to the lad, he's knuckled down and shown a great attitude.

"All three lads are good players and I'm pleased they have been added to the squad. Certainly they have all fitted in really well and I can see them playing a big part in our fight for survival."

Hutchinson's future at Weymouth had been in doubt over the Christmas period with rumours that former boss Garry Hall was about to take over.

However, clear the air talks with Rolfs has resulted in the manager and his assistant Andy Mason, signing contracts until the end of the season.

"George and I have had a good chat", added Hutchinson. "And I'm pleased we have things sorted. At the end of the day we both want the same thing and that's the team staying up and moving forward beyond that.

"Things were said and rumours were flying, but it's all behind us now and George, Andy and I are all working towards the same goal."

The Terras entertain Chelmsford on Saturday with Hutchinson confident of continuing the decent run of form that has seen them climb to within five points of Conference South safety.

"The weather hasn't helped us in recent days", he admitted. "What with games off and there being no training facilities because of the ice. But the boys have still got in and so we have had sessions on the beach which has been a bit different.

"The attitude and spirit in the camp is amazing with everyone enjoying life and determined to keep the decent run going. It's about being together in this and that includes the players, directors and the supporters who have played such an important part.

"I keep saying it and will say it again. I am convinced we are good enough to get out of the relegation places and we're determined to prove just that. Chelmsford are going well and will be a tough side to play against. But these are the sort of teams we need to be beating if we're to achieve our target."

◆ WEYMOUTH'S fight against relegation from Blue Square South has been boosted by the extension of three loan signings.

The first to agree an extended stay at the View From Stadium was Jamie McGuinness.

The 19-year-old defender has made a big impression since joining from Rushden and Diamonds and boss Ian Hutchinson is delighted to have got the deal done.

The manager said: "Jamie has fitted in really well and has made a big difference to the side.

"Getting him for another month is a real coup and it bodes well as we go into what is a vital stage of the season with the fight against relegation on in force."

Also staying another month is Exeter City youngster Scott Bennett, who scored in the New Year's day win over Dorchester Town.

But, as the manager explained, the defender could

be recalled by the Grecians at any time.

Hutchinson explained: "We've got Scott for another month which is great. It looked like he'd be going back to Exeter but they have agreed he can stay.

"There is a clause in the deal that he can return with 24 hours notice but hopefully that won't happen."

One player who won't be going anywhere between now and the end of the season is Stephen Reed.

The ex-Terra is back at the club on loan from Macclesfield with the League Two club having sanctioned his stay until the end of the campaign.

"Stephen has been first class since coming back", added Hutchinson. "And so I'm really pleased he's staying. He's really fitted in well and has had got stuck in and is definitely up for the fight that we are faced with between now and the end of the season."

## COUTTS JOINS MAGPIES

FORMER Terras captain James Coutts has joined Dorchester Town on a non-contract basis.

Caretaker manager Ashley Vickers had tried to sign the midfielder earlier in the season after he returned from a five month spell in America, but despite their friendship he decided to join fellow Blue Square South rivals Newport County.

However despite playing several games for them the Welsh side who sit atop the league at present couldn't guarantee paying Coutts following a cut in the budget at Christmas, and he decided to leave.

"We are delighted that James has signed. We are great friends and I have been after him for a while. He is a proven Conference player and will add that little bit of quality and creativity that perhaps we have been lacking recently.

"He has signed non-contract terms at present and we will see how things go. He can get regular games and we will benefit from his experience. He has ambitions to play at a higher level and hopefully this will be a shop window to show what he can do and allow him to move on in the future. In the mean time both parties

benefit."

Coutts became Vickers sixth signing in his period as manager, and whilst he is in not under pressure to reduce his squad, Harry Montacute has gone out on a month's loan to Gillingham Town and Ollie Barnes to Clevedon Town.

Jamie Symes' proposed trial with Blackpool this week has been postponed due to the inclement weather. He will now travel to the Championship side on January 31<sup>st</sup> for a five day trial.

BEES HOPE TO GET  
BACK ON TRACK

WITH last night's rearranged game with Chard Town postponed, Bridport like every other club in the country is facing a backlog of games, although manager Trevor Senior is not too worried at the moment.

"It's not too horrific at the moment, we just want to get on and play a run of games," said Senior who must now prepare his side for their next fixture on Saturday away to Shepton Mallett who sit just one place and two points above the Bees.

The former Reading striker will be able to call upon the services of Darren Watts who was unavailable last week due to work commitments, and also Simon Evans.

Evans who left Weymouth and signed for Dorchester recently will be available to play for Bridport following agreement between both Senior and Magpies boss Ashley Vickers and Evans.

"Ashley has kindly agreed that Simon can play for us under dual registration unless he needs him. This is great for all parties as it means Simon is getting regular football."

The reserves are hopeful of playing their Dorset Senior Trophy match against Wincanton on Saturday. The second round tie has been postponed several times due to the weather and will take precedent over the league fixture providing the St Mary's pitch has thawed out.



# BRIDPORT SKITTLES

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday, January 18th:  
**Mens Nominations Individuals - 1st Round (eight winners)**  
**Monday, January 18th - Tiger.**  
M. Powell, G. Brooks, S. Lee, H. Mills, A. Cauldwell, M. Horton, S. Pitcher, D. Cooper, M. Gurd, R. Pincombe, C. Willcox, C. Dare, L. Dare, C. Barnes.

**Ladies Pairs First Round (12 byes four winners)**  
**Monday, January 18th - Clock.**  
V. Cozens and A. Wiscombe, S. Hearl and J. Malcolm, S. Tompkins and J. Dawe, M. Hansford and S. Galpin, C. Taylor and J. Arnold, S. Blandford and J. Parsons, T.

Sadler and K. Johnson.  
**Over 58s - First Round (eight winners each alley)**  
**Wednesday, January 20th - Bradpole Club.**  
D. Maunder, J. Scotton, D. Salter, T. Davis, A. Wiscombe, V. Cozens, A. Huxter, M. Bollen, G. Brown, B. Legg, N. Pye, J. Brooks, V. Burt, B. Lee, M. Crabb.

**Friday, January 22nd - King Charles.**  
S. Gale, M. Hansford, M. Chivers, P. Hansford, G. Legg, Joanna Scotton, C. Hopkins, S. Bull, B. Herbert, C. Langdon, P. Scott, F. Bowditch, G. Barnes, R. Tuck, B. Adams.

## WEYMOUTH CRICKET NEWS

# Kiwi Fallon in to help push for title

WEYMOUTH Cricket Club will be pinning their Dorset Premier Division hopes on a Kiwi this summer.  
The club have confirmed that New Zealand all-rounder Andrew Fallon will be joining the club, subject to international clearance.  
The deal has been done with the help of former Seasiders' overseas star Glen Dawson, who is now living and working back in his homeland.  
New Weymouth captain Paul Payne explained: "Andrew is a first class, left arm, opening bowler. He's 28 and so has plenty of experience and bats in the middle order which is just what we need."  
"We played against him when we toured New Zealand a couple of seasons ago and he's very talented. He's also a top lad off the park and so I think he's just what we need."  
"Having a really good opening bowler at this level is a must. We have seen the merits of that at Weymouth with previous overseas players and hopefully Andrew will help give us that edge."  
He added: "The contracts have been signed and Andrew is due over in good time for the start of the season in the spring. He just needs to get his clearance from the authorities but that should be a formality."  
One player who may miss those early stages of the campaign is Payne himself.  
The ex-Terras goalkeeper is recovering from surgery on his shoulder following a year of injury problems.

He explained: "I went in for the op last week and I think there was far more to do than the surgeon had first expected. There was damage to my tendons and cartilage and so I've had it all fixed, tidied up and repaired."  
"Hopefully I'll be okay for the start of the season, but I will miss the warm up games and nets so it may take a few weeks before I'm fully match fit. I don't think I'll ever be able to throw or bowl like I used to, but hopefully this will be an end to the problem because the last year or so has been a nightmare."  
With Poole providing Weymouth's opening day opposition in 2010, Payne said it was a case of 'hitting the ground running'.  
He added: "Any game would have been tough but Poole is about as tough as it gets for a season's opener. They have been one of the best sides over the past 20 years and we'll really need to be switched on for this one."  
"But in some ways playing them early will be an advantage. Certainly we'll quickly know how good we are and what will be needed to challenge this coming summer."  
Weymouth begin their indoor training at Portland's Boscowan Centre on January 20th with a session between 6pm and 8pm.  
All players old and new are welcome with training being taken by Seasiders' head coach, Sean Fitzgerald.

## BOB BUCKLER RACING

# Weather makes life difficult for the smaller yards

THE current weather is playing havoc with the whole of the country, and sport is no exception.  
With no let up in the immediate future only those football and rugby clubs with enough resources are able to get games on.  
Horse racing is particularly susceptible and Haydock Park recently had to abandon one of their prestigious fixtures just two hours before racing despite having spent £32,000 on covers for the course.  
Some flat racing is taking place at all weather tracks and indeed Southwell is putting on a special fixture for national hunt flat races (bumpers) today,

In the meantime trainers have to try to keep their horses fit and well and whilst the bigger stables like Paul Nicholls at Ditcheat are able to invest in their own gritter to make a path to the all weather gallops, smaller yards like Bob Buckler's are not so lucky.  
He uses Richard Barber's all weather track at Seaborough normally but this is 1 ½ miles from his yard at Henley.  
"The lanes are too snowy and icy either to ride the horses there or even transport them; if the lorry were to slip off the road it could be disastrous," said Buckler.  
"We use the walker and have made a track around the stables. We also occasionally get in the

fields where there is snow and we know the ground underneath is not cut up, but it's difficult!"  
"We also have to thaw the pipes around the yard to ensure running water."  
With most of the yards bumper horses having raced just before the big freeze, Buckler is not too worried about races for them.  
"Southwell would be tricky and possibly dangerous to get to, and anyway with 260 horses declared for the six races it's not certain you would get in."  
"You would also want to be certain of having three runners definitely starting to make it economic to go."

## Rugby round-up with Keith Jenkin

# Bridport promotion bid on course

IT was an interesting, although not all that pleasant an experience, to stoke up the laptop, plug in to the R.F.U. website and watch both local and national league fixtures fall by the wayside as league games were postponed, owing to frozen pitches.  
I did just that last Friday and, by the evening, all sides in my "patch" with the exception of Bridport seconds, who were due to play at Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew, had lost their games to the weather. This fixture was duly postponed on Saturday morning.  
This dearth of rugby on which to comment made me scratch my head a little while seeking something about which to write, and I finally decided to publish the current league tables, together with comments that would be, hopefully, pertinent to the chances of the local clubs involved.  
While of course recognising their importance, I do not make many references to league tables and positions as a rule, preferring to comment on how well or badly a side is playing. I do find it interesting though to look at league tables at about the season's halfway stage and to try to assess the local participant's chances.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES LEAGUE (SOUTH)

|                        | P  | W  | D | L  | F   | A   | Pts |
|------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Frome.....             | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1  | 378 | 136 | 22  |
| North Dorset.....      | 11 | 10 | 0 | 1  | 382 | 85  | 20  |
| Wimborne.....          | 11 | 8  | 0 | 3  | 323 | 155 | 16  |
| DORCHESTER.....        | 12 | 8  | 0 | 4  | 360 | 225 | 16  |
| Sherborne.....         | 11 | 7  | 0 | 4  | 284 | 154 | 14  |
| Corsham.....           | 10 | 7  | 0 | 3  | 270 | 242 | 14  |
| Tadley.....            | 11 | 5  | 0 | 6  | 291 | 237 | 10  |
| Devizes.....           | 12 | 4  | 0 | 8  | 241 | 280 | 8   |
| Oldfield Old Boys..... | 12 | 3  | 0 | 9  | 164 | 359 | 6   |
| Minety.....            | 11 | 3  | 0 | 8  | 118 | 374 | 6   |
| Ivel Barbarians.....   | 12 | 2  | 0 | 10 | 182 | 456 | 4   |
| Bradford-on-Avon.....  | 11 | 0  | 0 | 11 | 76  | 366 | 0   |

THERE is no doubt about the fact that the DORCHESTER club have the local bragging rights as far as rugby is concerned. Newly promoted into the Southern Counties Division (South) though they were at the end of last season, they proceeded to win their first-half dozen games and get a start to their campaign that most would play for, heading the division around the end of October.  
Since then they have been beaten by one or two of the most fancied sides, such as North Dorset and leaders Frome, but they still lie in a very creditable fourth place. I think that they will go on from here to complete a most satisfactory season, while not figuring overmuch in the promotion race.

DORSET & WILTS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE (SOUTH)

|                      | P  | W  | D | L  | F   | A   | Pts |
|----------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|
| BRIDPORT.....        | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2  | 341 | 90  | 20  |
| North Dorset II..... | 11 | 8  | 0 | 3  | 251 | 128 | 16  |
| Warminster.....      | 10 | 7  | 0 | 3  | 227 | 145 | 14  |
| Oakmedians II.....   | 11 | 7  | 0 | 4  | 253 | 172 | 14  |
| WEYMOUTH.....        | 10 | 6  | 0 | 4  | 177 | 101 | 12  |
| Swanage & W II.....  | 12 | 6  | 0 | 6  | 208 | 178 | 12  |
| Blandford.....       | 12 | 6  | 0 | 6  | 234 | 257 | 12  |
| Frome II.....        | 11 | 6  | 0 | 5  | 153 | 143 | 10  |
| Wimborne II.....     | 12 | 4  | 1 | 7  | 172 | 216 | 9   |
| Westbury.....        | 11 | 4  | 1 | 6  | 155 | 282 | 9   |
| Puddletown.....      | 11 | 1  | 0 | 10 | 58  | 351 | 2   |
| Salisbury II.....    | 11 | 1  | 0 | 10 | 81  | 247 | -2  |

ALTHOUGH the BRIDPORT first side top the Dorset & Wilts League Division One (South), their camp would not be without its frustrations for they have lost two games that they really should have won.  
I watched their match against Warminster where their naivety shone through as they ignored their vastly superior back division, preferring to play the game close to the fringes, an area where their opponents were strong.  
I was spared the game at bottom side, Salisbury seconds, where they handed their opponents what was their only win of the season so far. Having said that, I do think that they will gain promotion if they use their very good back division and move the ball away from the point of contact as quickly and as often as possible.  
WEYMOUTH are the other local side in the division and are something of an enigma. On the occasions I have watched them, they appear to have the makings of a very useful side, with some pace out wide, a reliable goal kicker and a pack who will win possession.  
Subsequent results have not borne out this thought however, and they lie in mid table as a consequence. I think that, for this season anyway, they will, while not getting into a position where they can challenge for promotion themselves, prove capable of upsetting the apple carts of one or two aspiring candidates.

### SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

**NATIONAL HUNT RACING:** EXETER, whose attendances have been hit harder than most by bad weather this season, is offering admission discounts for the first time, at two meetings next month, on Wednesday 3rd and Sunday 14th, and on March 9th, 23rd and 31st.  
Tickets must be bought in advance through the hotline 0844 579 3005. There is a very special offer for the Valentine's day fixture, which coincides with a blank weekend for point-to-point racing in Devon and Cornwall.  
Two grandstand and paddock tick-

ets cost £10. Call the hotline and quote 'eval' to book.  
**FOOTBALL:** WEYMOUTH'S Jake Bryan had the thrill of his life during a family visit to Sheffield recently when the 14-year-old from Westham met his footballing hero Ryan Giggs and a host of other sports stars.  
Jake, a big Manchester United supporter, caught up with his hero outside the Sheffield Arena which played host to the BBC Sports Personality of the Year show.  
Aside from Giggs, he also met cyclist Mark Cavendish, cricketer An-

drew Flintoff, Formula 1 world Champion Jenson Button and presenter and ex-tennis player, Sue Barker.  
Jake explained: "I was up visiting relatives with my family, and my cousins and I went down to the centre before the show started."  
"We saw all sorts of stars going in and it was amazing. Meeting Ryan Giggs was great. He was really friendly and it was fantastic that he actually won the award, but everyone who went in was great. They stopped and chatted, signed autographs and spent time saying hello to people."

BOTH the Dorchester and Bridport second sides compete in the Dorset & Wilts League Division Two (South) and, while the former is a workmanlike outfit that resides in the mid-table and one who will give anyone a game, the latter, although currently a couple of places above its local rivals, has disappointed rather.

It has, only occasionally played the quality rugby that is regularly showed last season and, on occasion, individual commitment has been lacking.

DORSET & WILTS LEAGUE DIVISION THREE (SOUTH)

|                      | P  | W  | D | L | F   | A   | Pts |
|----------------------|----|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| East Dorset.....     | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 354 | 39  | 20  |
| Poole.....           | 10 | 7  | 1 | 2 | 203 | 106 | 15  |
| North Dorset IV..... | 10 | 7  | 0 | 3 | 184 | 191 | 14  |
| Bournemouth IV.....  | 10 | 5  | 0 | 5 | 281 | 184 | 10  |
| Wincanton.....       | 10 | 4  | 1 | 5 | 215 | 216 | 9   |
| Oakmedians III.....  | 10 | 5  | 0 | 5 | 218 | 118 | 8   |
| WEYMOUTH II.....     | 10 | 4  | 0 | 6 | 145 | 204 | 8   |
| Blandford II.....    | 10 | 2  | 0 | 8 | 122 | 261 | 4   |
| Wimborne III.....    | 9  | 3  | 0 | 6 | 97  | 170 | 2   |
| Swanage & W IV.....  | 9  | 1  | 0 | 8 | 87  | 417 | 2   |

THE Weymouth second side occupy a place in the lower half of this league and give every appearance of enjoying their rugby, which is as it should be.

### PREVIEW

Weather permitting, the league programme will resume on Saturday next. BRIDPORT entertain PUDDLETOWN, a side from the lower reaches of their division and, although these opponents will most certainly come and "have a good go", I do not foresee anything other than a very comfortable home win.  
It will be a rather different story for DORCHESTER however for they travel to near neighbours SHERBORNE. Dorchester did come out on top against this opposition earlier in the season, but it was not by much and they will have to be at their best if they are to win the return. I think they might just do so, but it will be close.  
WEYMOUTH too have a tricky afternoon in prospect, for they visit OAKMEDIANS 2nd who, although they were promoted at last season's end, have made quite a mark in the league this term. I think home advantage will tell in this one.  
I think that both the Bridport and Weymouth second sides face rather drab afternoons. The former will certainly have its hands full at Fordingbridge seconds, as with the latter when it entertains the Oakmedians third side.  
Dorchester seconds will have an easier task at home to Swanage & Wareham thirds.  
**FIXTURES** 16th January - Bridport v Puddletown (home); Bridport 2nd v Fordingbridge 2nd (away); Chard v Bristol Harlequins (home); Chard 2 v Spare Week; Chard 3rd v Wellington 3rd (home); Chard Colts v North Petherton (away); Crewkerne v Martock (away); Dorchester v Sherborne (away); Dorchester 2nd v Swanage & Wareham 3rd (home); Honiton v Wessex (away); Honiton 2nd v Torquay 3rd (away); Honiton Colts v Wadebridge (home); Sidmouth v Paignton (home); Sidmouth 2nd v Paignton 2nd (away); Sidmouth 3rd v Exmouth 3rd (home); Sidmouth Colts v Exmouth Colts (home); Weymouth v Oakmedians 2nd (away); Weymouth 2nd v Oakmedians 3rd (home).



# WEST DORSET 2009 SPORTS REVIEW

Another exciting year of sport in West Dorset brought joy and disappointment for competitors. *STUART BROOM* and *HOWARD LARCOMBE* review some of the highlights.

JANUARY



◆ **SUPERB:** A brilliant run by Annabelle Arnold was the highlight of the West Dorset Area Primary School's Race held at The Sir John Colfox School. Annie from St Mary's Thorncombe covered the one mile course in 9 minutes 54 seconds to win the girls race by over 30 seconds..

FEBRUARY



◆ **SNOW BOUND:** Snow interrupted the sporting calendar in February. Dorchester Town continued to train at the Jewson Stadium under new manager Brian O'Donnell.

JUNE



◆ **RECORDS BROKEN:** On a day that heralded the first house mascot race, four track records were broken at The Sir John Colfox School sports day.



◆ **TAGGED:** Over 240 primary school pupils, both boys and girls competed in the Inter-schools 2009 South West Tag Festival qualifier held at Bridport Rugby Football Club. The action shows the battle of the St Mary's schools - Beaminster against Bridport.

MARCH



APRIL

◆ **SUCCESS FOR BUCKLER:** Bob Buckler landed the biggest win of his career when Niche Market won the Powers Whiskey Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse on Easter Monday.

MAY



◆ **DIAMOND GEEZERS:** Two of the original Netherbury Football Club members helped players and officials from across the decades celebrate the club's diamond anniversary.



AUGUST

◆ **THE BIG KICK-OFF:** Bridport Football Club prepare for the new season with new manager Trevor Senior at the helm.



## SEPTEMBER



◆ **CHAMPIONS:** Dorchester 3rd's captain Pete Tucker pops the bubbly as his team celebrate winning the Division Seven title. They went through the season undefeated having been promoted the previous year.

## OCTOBER



◆ **ON THE UP:** After being relegated the season before, Beaminster Ladies Hockey team (pictured left) finally found their form, although here they had a narrow squeak in this victory over opponents Yeovil 2nds.

◆ **CORONATION CUP KINGS:** Lyme Regis marked their 125th anniversary season by winning the Coronation Cup for the seventh time.

The Seaside shocked opponents South Petherton by storming to a 4-0 half-time lead in Boxing Day's final at Combe St Nicholas' Slades Cross Ground.

Petherton had no answer and the second-half ended goal less to give Robin Townsend (pictured back row, extreme left) his first trophy as Lyme manager. Mascot at the front is Owen Clifton.



## DECEMBER

## West Dorset Swimming

CELEBRITY TV chef Lesley Waters was just one of the VIPs attending West Dorset Swimming Club's last event of the season, their Christmas Open Meet at Bridport, where, as the club's President, she presented the awards to winning swimmers, including a gold to her own daughter nine-year-old Scout Macpherson for the 50m backstroke.

More swimmers than ever before took part in the annual competition with clubs coming from all over the region; visitors included Bridport Barracudas, Dawlish Swimming Club, Millfield SC, Street and District SC, Tornadoes of South Dorset, Ilminster SC and Chard SC.

The competition was declared a resounding success by all with West Dorset taking home a magnificent tally of 73 medals including 14 golds.

The Warriors were delighted to welcome back the Mayor of Bridport Cllr Martin Ray and the Mayoress Cllr Mrs Maggie Ray who formally opened proceedings, while West Dorset District Councillor David Barrett also helped with the presentations.

The accolade of Top Warrior went to 11 year old Harrison Yarnold, who swam an impressive eight events in the competition. The youngster displayed a high standard across the board finishing in the top six in all of his swims.

Yarnold found himself on the top of the podium for the 100m freestyle and finished second in the 100m backstroke, 100m Individual Medley and the 50m freestyle

with a third place in the 100m butterfly and 50m backstroke.

Janet Hewitt, head coach of the Dorchester-based outfit commented: "Harrison earned his award as he showed such great consistency across a range of events. He was in a highly competitive field as we had a lot of entries in his age group - I'm very pleased with him."

Meanwhile 14-year-old Frankie Taylor was top female Warrior despite being bottom of her age group.

Taylor swam six events, gaining five seconds and one third place, whilst in the 16-years and over category, Lauren Podger and Keziah Element earned their club a huge amount of points with Podger capturing three firsts and a second, while Element touched first in the 100m backstroke and gained four further top three places.

It was a success story for the older boys too as 16-year-old Jordan Trewartha put on an excellent display finishing first in the 100m butterfly and capturing five further second places. Team mate Peter Thornton, 13, chalked up four straight wins in the butterfly and freestyle events.

For the younger boys there was also a high success rate with nine-year-old William Blackledge proudly winning two seconds and a third place.

Best Boy and Best Girl awards went to brother and sister Tommy Francis and Tarina Francis, both of Chard Swimming Club.

Hewitt added: "I'm delighted with all my swimmers - they did West Dorset proud."

She thanked all the parents who helped organise and run the meet as well as the volunteer officials. Hewitt continued: "The Christmas Open Meet is our principal fundraising event of the year and we've had magnificent support."

"We're lucky that we managed to raise more than we dared hoped for; we'll be ploughing around half of what we raised into equipment for the new pool being built in Dorchester."

"Because the Warriors have committed to raising money for the benefit of the whole community, people are supporting us even though we're in a difficult economic climate."

The club is especially grateful to our loyal sponsors who include Waitrose, Humphries Kirk, The Celtic Kitchen, Dorset Cereals, Sportsgear, Words Etc, The Horse with the Red Umbrella, Cerijan, The Thomas Hardy Leisure Centre, the Dorset County Museum, Ernest G Hart, Beaux Cheveux, Goulds, Great Western Camping and Naturalife. We also had some great sponsorship from Weymouth including from W H Smith, The Crystal Shop, The Bag Shop, the Pound Shop and Asda."

West Dorset swimmers are now training hard for the Dorset County Championships in February.

## JULY



◆ **JEDD PROPELLED:** Uplyme & Lyme Regis' wicket-keeper batsman Jedd Whittington cuts powerfully for four in the home match with Lewdown. The club's first XI had a tough season in the East Devon D Division - managing to avoid relegation on the last day of the season.

## NOVEMBER



◆ **ON GUARD:** Allan Jay MBE presents Ladies Champion Rosie Dakar with her trophy watched by runner-up Ellie Madden (left) and third placed Judy Clarke following West Dorset Fencing Club's first championships.

**TOP WARRIOR:**  
Harrison  
Yarnold with  
his trophy.





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### THE BIG FREEZE GRIPS - FIXTURE LIST WIPED OUT

FOR the first time in many years the Perry Street League officials took the sensible step to abandon the complete fixture list last weekend.

Indeed League Secretary Bob Brunt contacted Lyme Regis as early as 5pm on Friday to confirm the decision.

On the field Lyme have been rocked by the news that Matt Laing who has had such an influential season at the heart of the Seaside's defence will take no further part in the push for the Premier Division title.

Laing, 25, will spend the remainder of the season's weekends renovating a house he has just bought near Exeter. Seaside's manager Robin Townsend has acted quickly to the loss and already has a couple of irons in the fire, he said: "It's a real shame to have lost Matt, he's been a big player for us this season. I've contacted a couple of prospective re-

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placements but cannot divulge names at this point in time.

The frozen Davey Fort pitch has now laid unused since Charmouth were beaten 4-0 back on November 7th - more than two months ago!

Meanwhile a shortage of experienced players is beginning to take its toll up the road at Uplyme. "We have some good young players coming through and they are doing well, but we really need a couple more players with Perry Street League experience under their belts" said manager Rodney Rowe.

Rowe has confirmed his squad has received a trio of set-backs in recent weeks. James Beddows' knee injury is likely to keep him sidelined for the remainder of the season. In addition ex-Hawkchurch midfielder Stuart

Broom has decided to devote his time to Axminster Reserves in the Devon & Exeter League whilst attempts to lure Alex Cottle back into a blue shirt have so far been rebuffed. The talented striker suffered a wrist injury in the 4-1 Tommy Tabberer Cup Final against Perry Street Reserves back in May and has not kicked a ball in anger since.

This weekend's fixtures sees Lyme Regis travel to Shelway Lane to take on fourth placed Barrington. Lyme Regis entertain Farway United in the Arthur Gage Cup whilst the Bantams take on Combe A in the Bill Baily Cup at Venlake.

Uplyme travel to Beaminster Reserves to replay their abandoned Tommy Tabberer cup tie.

Charmouth are without a game but the Robins Reserves welcome Barrington Reserves to Barrs Lane in a Division four clash.



### NOT A SNOWBALL'S CHANCE

■ **SOLID:** The sunshine and sea air still couldn't thaw the rock solid goalmouth's and save last Saturday's match at the Davey Fort as the entire Perry Street League programme was frozen off.

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